

SENATE BILL 9022

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 9; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title
71, relative to COVID-19.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by
adding the following as new sections:

68-1-404. Informed consent for COVID-19 vaccines.

(a) If a patient receives a positive COVID-19 test result, then, in addition to
providing information about a COVID-19 vaccine, the healthcare professional shall
provide the patient:

- (1) With information on all available options for treatment for COVID-19;
- (2) With informational packets regarding outpatient care;
- (3) With transparency concerning all protocols, including repurposed
medications; and

(4) With information on additional preventative care measures, such as
nutraceuticals, diet, sleep, exercise, and basic oral and physical hygiene.

(b) If a patient chooses to have a COVID-19 vaccine administered, the
healthcare professional must first provide the patient with a vaccine information sheet.

(c) As used in this section:

- (1) "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and
coronavirus disease 2019, including a mutation of the novel coronavirus, SARS-
CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019; and

(2) "Healthcare professional" means a physician or other healthcare practitioner licensed, registered, accredited, or certified to perform specified healthcare services pursuant to title 63 or this title and regulated under the authority of the department of health, or any agency, board, council, or committee attached to the department.

68-1-405. Restrictions on use of funds for COVID-19 vaccine promotion.

(a) Any promotion by the department of health of COVID-19 vaccines using funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) shall include language as described in § 68-1-404(a)(1)-(4).

(b) To the extent allowed by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for any funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to be expended for the promotion of COVID-19 vaccines, the department of health shall expend an equal amount of funds on the promotion of health education, including, but not limited to, exercise and fitness, consumption of vitamin D supplementation, and a reduction in nonnutritional foods, such as high-fructose corn syrup.

(c) As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, including a mutation of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019.

SECTION 2. The department of health is authorized to promulgate rules, including emergency rules, to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. The headings in this act are for reference purposes only and do not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee Code Commission is requested to include the headings in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.